

A Level History Assessment checklist 2026

Paper 2: French Revolution and Napoleon

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Subject A Level History	Paper OCR Unit 2: The French Revolution and the rule of Napoleon 1774-1815	Duration 1 hour
Useful revision links: Home · LIBERTY, EQUALITY, FRATERNITY: EXPLORING THE FRENCH REVOLUTION The French Revolution MR ALLSOP HISTORY . COM The French Revolution MR ALLSOP HISTORY . COM https://www.mrallsophistory.com/revision/category/a-level-and-ib-history-revision/the-french-revolution The French Revolution - OverSimplified (Part 1) All of these are good the “oversimplified” range. BBC Radio 4 - Napoleon: The Man and the Myths - Downloads BBC Radio 4 - In Our Time, Napoleon and Wellington		
What to revise		How to revise it
1. The causes of the French Revolution from 1774 and the events of 1789		
1.1	The long term causes of the French Revolution	France in Revolution Dylan Rees p.1-17 Hodder Education My Revision Notes p.8-11
1.2	The short term causes of the French Revolution and the Trigger of the revolution	France in Revolution Dylan Rees p.17-25 Hodder Education My Revision Notes p.12-18
1.3	The events of 1789 (Estates General/ Paris revolts/ dismantling of the Ancien Regime/ Reaction of the Monarchy)	France in Revolution Dylan Rees p.31-53 Hodder Education My Revision Notes p.18-25
2. The Revolution from October 1789 to the Directory 1795		
2.1	The Reforms of the Constituent Assembly 1789-91	France in Revolution Dylan Rees p.57-69 Hodder Education My Revision Notes p.30-31
2.2	Political Parties and their impact (Jacobins/Cordeliers/ Girondins/ sans-culottes/ popular movement/ Republican movement/ Flight to Varennes/ Champ de Mars)	France in Revolution Dylan Rees p.70-80 (some overlap with below) Hodder Education My Revision Notes p.32/ 34
2.3	Reasons for the collapse of the Constitutional Monarchy 1791-2 (Flight to Varennes/ Champ De Mars/ Influence of war/ Austrian committee/ attack of the Tuileries/ Jacobin v Girondin)	France in Revolution Dylan Rees p 85-95 Hodder Education My Revision Notes p.36
2.4	Fall of Louis XVI 21st January 1793: (Trial of Louis/ Armoire de fer/ execution)	France in Revolution Dylan Rees p 96-98 Hodder Education My Revision Notes p.36
2.5	The Republic at war, 1792-3 (Sept massacres/ Battle of Valmy/ First Coalition, Carnot, Vendee Rebellion)	France in Revolution Dylan Rees p 99-105
The Terror and the Thermidorian regime, 1793-4		
2.6	The Machinery of the Terror (CPS/CGS/ Sans-culottes/ Armee Revolutionaries /	France in Revolution Dylan Rees p.112-114 Hodder Education My Revision Notes p.38-40

	Revolutionary Tribunals/ Representatives en mission/ role of Robespierre)	
2.7	The fall of the Girondins	France in Revolution Dylan Rees p.94-98, p115-118
2.8	Impact of the Terror (sans-culottes/ social, political, cultural, religious impact of terror/ provincial repression)	France in Revolution Dylan Rees p.119-130
2.9	The fall of Robespierre and the Thermidorians 1794 (Dictatorship of CPS/ opposition of Danton and Herbert/ Coup of Thermidor/Cult of Supreme Being/ White terror/ Thermidorians)	France in Revolution Dylan Rees p.130-139, 146-151 Hodder Education My Revision Notes p.42
2.10	Creation of the Directory 1795-1799 (Constitution of the year III 1795/ Verona Declaration/ challenges to the Directory/ Babeuf Plot/ Germinal/ Prarial/ Coup of Fructidor/ Second Coalition)	France in Revolution Dylan Rees p.152-165 Hodder Education My Revision Notes p.44
3. Napoleon Bonaparte to 1807		
3.1	Early Career of Napoleon, 1795-1799 (Vendemiaire / Coup of Brumaire / Italian Campaign/ Toulon/ Egyptian Campaign/ failures of the Directory)	France in Revolution Dylan Rees p.153-4, 161-172 Hodder Education My Revision Notes p.50-54
3.2	Napoleon's Reforms as First Consul 1799-1804 (Constitution of the year VIII, Consulate/ Senate/ Plebiscites/ Financial/ Education/ religion / Bank of France/ Civil Code 1804 / Patronage/ Bribery/ Police state/ Censorship)	France in Revolution Dylan Rees p.198-212 Hodder Education My Revision Notes p.56-59
3.3	The establishing of the Napoleonic Empire 1804-1807 (Third Coalition 1803- 5/ annexed territory/ Creation of Grande Armee/ satellite states/ puppet states/ natural frontiers/ Forth Coalition 1806- 7/Military Success and failures/ Marengo/ Ulm/ Austerlitz/ Trafalgar)	France in Revolution Dylan Rees p.212-217 Hodder Education My Revision Notes p.60-62
4. The Downfall of Napoleon and the Napoleonic Empire, 1807-1815		
4.1	Napoleon's Domestic and Foreign Policy post 1807 (Increasing autocracy/ similarities and differences with the Ancien Regime)	France in Revolution Dylan Rees p.225-226 Hodder Education My Revision Notes p.76
4.2	The downfall of the Napoleonic Empire 1808-1812 (Continental System, War with Britain and fifth Coalition 1809/ Peninsular War 1808, Invasion of Russia 1812)	France in Revolution Dylan Rees p.218-228 Hodder Education My Revision Notes p.68-72
4.3	The Final campaigns of Napoleon and his Abdication 1813-15 (Sixth Coalition 1813-4/ Abdication to Elba/ Hundred Days/ Exile to St Helena / Congress of Vienna)	France in Revolution Dylan Rees p.223-226 Hodder Education My Revision Notes p.74, 78
4.4	Napoleon's reasons for decline (personal reasons/ military reasons/ changes among enemies/ role of Britain/ Nationalism)	Hodder Education My Revision Notes p.80